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MULTI-STAGE CASCADE BOOSTING VACCINE

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is a further response to the final rejection mailed July 9, 2002, in the above-identified application and the Advisory Action mailed on November 25, 2002. A Notice of Appeal was filed on December 9, 2002, thus making the present response due on February 9, 2003, which is a Sunday, making February 10, 2003, the date of a timely response. It is believed that no fee is due, but should a fee be due, it is requested that this statement be considered a request for an extension of time, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpāyment or to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-0741 for any deficiencies. Kindly amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 48 and 52, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

48. (Amended) A method for inducing a cellular immune response in a patient against a tumor that expresses carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA), said method comprising:

administering an effective immunostimulatory amount of transfected T cells to a patient; and